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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Applicants: | Hubert DUMONT, <i>et. al.</i> | |
| Serial No.: | 10/565,609 | Case No.: MC-089P |
| Filing Date: | January 23, 2009 | Conf. No.: 6220: |
| For: | FLAVORED TASTE-MASKED PHARMAECUTICAL FORMULATION MADE USING A ONE STEP COATING PROCESS | |

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to a non-final Office Action dated August 17, 2009, setting forth a shortened statutory period for response ending November 17, 2009. Reconsideration of Applicants claims is requested. A three extension of time is attached. Any additional fees associated with this Amendment may be charged to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

Please amend this application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS begin on page 6 of this paper.